



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Honolulu District



KAWAIHAE DEEP DRAFT HARBOR KAWAIHAE, ISLAND OF HAWAII

Project Location. The deepwater port Kawaihae Harbor is located on the northwest coast of Hawaii, approximately 85 nautical miles northeast of Hilo.

Authorization. The project was authorized by the River and Harbor Acts of 17 May 1950 and 27 October 1965.

Local Sponsor. The local sponsor is the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

Completed Work. The initial portion of the project was completed in July 1962 and enlargement was completed in January 1973. The project consists of a 3,270-foot long entrance channel; an 1,450-foot wide harbor basin; and, a 2,650-foot long rubblemound breakwater. The cost for this harbor project was \$6,298,133 (federal: \$6,236,637; non-federal: \$61,496). Maintenance dredging was accomplished in 1972 under contract for \$61,800. Total material removed was 24,825 cubic yards. Project condition surveys were last performed in Fiscal Year 1999.

Present Status. In June 1999, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, requested the Corps to investigate the surge problem in the harbor and to consider deepening the turning basin. In the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 2000, Congress added \$100,000 for the Corps to prepare a feasibility report for navigation improvements. The study was authorized under Section 209 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962.

Future Efforts. Complete feasibility study activities.